

## PLAN SEPARATE SALARY BATTLE

District Clerks Don't Want Cent From Congress, Says Leader.

## D. C. SURPLUS SUFFICIENT

Increases Require \$303,332, Whereas Reserve Funds Total \$1,000,000, Is Argument.

The fight for higher salaries of District employees will be waged separately, and on a different basis from that of the Federal clerks.

This fact was brought out today when J. H. Hurley, head of the District branch of the Federal employees' union, announced the detailed plan of campaign of the District workers.

"Although we are working for a similar end, we believe that conditions are different, and that both the District and the Federal clerks will be benefited by a dissociation of the causes," said Mr. Hurley.

The Federal employees are asking for an appropriation from Congress. The District employees do not want a cent from Congress.

## Surplus in District Funds.

"There is enough money, generally recognized as District funds, in the Treasury today to more than pay the amount needed to give the workers of the District their 10 and 20 per cent increases in salary.

"The fiscal workings are peculiar. The District budget calls for approximately \$14,000,000, of which Congress is expected to furnish one half, or about \$7,000,000. Now the revenue of the District this year amount to about \$8,000,000, which, with the \$7,000,000 from Congress, give a total of \$15,000,000 more than is provided in the budget.

"As a result of the workings of this system, the Treasury really has about \$2,000,000 on hand right now, which, although not officially recognized as a District fund, is generally conceded to belong to the District.

"Of this amount, only \$303,332.47 is required to give us the proposed increases in salary. It would not require the appropriation of a cent by Congress."

## First Appeal Stage 1916.

It was pointed out today that the plea which the District employees will make next week before Congress for higher pay, will be the first attempt of its kind in forty-one years.

In 1876, in the organization of the fiscal arrangement between the Federal Government and the District, Congress made a flat cut of 20 per cent on the wages of District employees. A protest was made at that time, but according to District officials, no concerted move to obtain an increase has been made since, until the recent campaign.

Mr. Hurley yesterday visited members of the Senate District Committee, and received assurance of serious consideration of his plan for separation of the cause of District employees' and Federal employees' wages.

## District Wage Lower.

The Senators were interested in the figures which he presented to show that while the average wage of the Federal employee is \$948, that of the District employee is \$805.

According to Mr. Hurley's figures there are 338 District employees receiving more than \$1,200.

For those receiving more than \$1,200 and less than \$1,800, an increase of 10 per cent is requested.

There are 265 District employees receiving exactly \$1,200; 212 employees

## THE WEATHER REPORT.

District of Columbia—Probably snow or rain tonight and Sunday, followed by clearing and colder during Sunday. Lowest temperature tonight about 32.

Maryland—Probably snow tonight and Sunday morning, followed by clearing during Sunday. Colder west portion.

Virginia—Probably snow or rain tonight and Sunday, followed by clearing during Sunday. Colder in west portion.

## Temperatures.

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| 8 a. m.  | 28 |
| 9 a. m.  | 29 |
| 10 a. m. | 30 |
| 11 a. m. | 31 |
| 12 noon  | 33 |
| 1 p. m.  | 34 |
| 2 p. m.  | 34 |

## Tide Table.

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| High tides—11:23 a. m. height 2.6 |
| 11:34 a. m. height 2.5            |
| Low tides—5:40 a. m. height 0.2   |
| 6:05 p. m. height 0.0             |

## Sun and Moon Table.

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| Sun rises.....7:26 a. m.   |
| Sun sets.....5:08 p. m.    |
| Moon rises.....10:24 p. m. |
| Moon sets.....9:50 a. m.   |

Light automobile lamps 5:38 p. m.

receiving annually between \$1,000 and \$1,200, and 2,715 whose wage is less than \$1,000. For those receiving \$1,200 or less an increase of 20 per cent is urged.

## ROUMANIA LOSES TOWN ON SERETH

Turks Storm Mihalea, Taking 400 Prisoners—Many Russians Drowned.

BERLIN, (via Sayville wireless), Jan. 13.—Storming and capture of the Roumanian town of Mihalea, with its Russian garrison of 4000 soldiers, a number of other Russians being drowned in attempting to escape across the Sereth, was reported in today's official statement.

"At the junction of the Buzual and Sereth rivers the Bulgarians captured a monastery still held by the Russians," the statement said. "Northwest of Braila, Turkish troops stormed the town of Mihalea."

The statement said a dense fog was covering the battle front.

Successful attacks north of the Sianic valley were reported, with the capture of four officers and 170 soldiers of other ranks, together with valuable arms and munitions.

"On both sides of Otos valley hostile attacks were without success against the defense of German-Austro-Hungarian troops," the statement said. "In violent hand-to-hand fighting great losses were inflicted on the adversary."

## GAIN NORTH OF ANCRE

British Progress in Serre Region, Berlin Admits.

BERLIN, via Sayville wireless, Jan. 13.—British forces gained a footing in one place north of the Ancre, following a number of attacks against Serre, the German official statement said today.

"North of the Ancre the English launched new attacks against Serre," the war office said. "The greater part of them were sanguinarily repulsed, but in one fore position the enemy gained a footing. We hold the main position."

## ROUMANIANS MAKE STAND.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 13.—East on Monastir and Kachanal Roumanian forces succeeded after a violent struggle in throwing back Teutonic troops and occupying some of their trenches, today's official statement declared. Three machine guns were captured in the Roumanian attack.

## GERMANS HOLD CERNA BEND.

BERLIN, (via Sayville wireless), Jan. 13.—Repulse of hostile companies east of the Cerna bend which were advancing toward Stravina was announced in today's official report from the Macedonian front.

## URGES CIVIL SERVICE PROBE

National League of Government Employees Behind Move.

A systematic and sweeping investigation into the civil service of the United States is being urged by the National League of Government Employees, which adjourned today after a week of conference at the Manhattan Hotel.

The results of the week of conference were stated by the president of the league, George L. Kane, as consisting of renewed efforts by the organization as a whole to secure half holidays Saturdays all during the year, affecting all Federal employees; a periodic investigation of the civil service; the \$3-a-day minimum wage for Government employees as embodied in the Nolan bill; the Buchanan bill to increase salaries of all Government employees receiving \$900 and under, 25 per cent; Federal court of appeals for Government employees; health insurance for Government employees, and a federation of Government employees similar to but independent of the American Federation of Labor.

## IOWA DRY FIGHT STARTS

Legislature Considers Drastic Measure in Prohibition.

DES MINES, Iowa, Jan. 13.—Bills prohibiting personal shipments of liquor and barring liquor advertisements of any kind within the limits of the State are before the Iowa legislature today.

The measures were introduced, Senator Whitmore, their author, stated, because the Webb-Kenyon law made their enforcement possible. Railroads and express companies would bill if such common carriers brought guilty of a misdemeanor by these liquor into Iowa.

The only manner in which the average person could obtain liquor would be by a visit to wet territory, and he would be limited on re-entering to two quarts of whiskey and one case of beer.

## PROVIDES PENSION PLAN FOR CLERKS

Retirement Fund Measure Reported to Board of Federal Employees' Union.

## OMITS D. C. EMPLOYEES

Annuities on Graded Scale, From \$150 to \$600 a Year, Are Provided.

A bill providing for the deduction of 2 per cent of Government employees' salaries for the creation of a retirement fund and the pensioning of 292,000 Government workers on a graded scale, was favorably reported to the board of representatives of the Federal Employees' Union last night.

John E. Beach, who was appointed to draft retirement legislation, headed the special committee which made the report.

The board took no definite action on the bill last night. Objection to it was raised because it did not include employees of the District or those in the Library of Congress.

After vigorous addresses in which they insisted these employees should be included, several speakers agreed upon an amendment to the bill to bring the District and Library workers within the scope of the bill. This amendment and other changes will be discussed at the board's next meeting, which is to be held Wednesday night.

The bill provides annuities ranging from \$150 to \$600 a year, the pension being governed by the salary received by the employee while on the active list.

## Schedule of Annuities.

Following is the schedule of annuities mentioned in the bill:

Employees receiving \$600 a year will receive a pension of 25 per cent, or \$150, after fifteen years' service; 30 per cent, or \$180, for twenty-five years; 40 per cent, or \$240, for thirty years; 50 per cent, or \$300, for thirty-five years.

Employees paid \$700 a year will receive \$75 for fifteen years, \$210 for twenty years, \$280 for twenty-five years, and \$350 for thirty years.

## From \$800 to \$1,400.

Employees paid \$900 a year will receive \$225 for fifteen years, \$270 for twenty years, \$360 for twenty-five years, and \$450 for thirty years.

Employees receiving \$1,000 a year will receive \$250 for fifteen years, \$300 for twenty years, \$400 for twenty-five years, and \$500 for thirty years.

Employees paid \$1,200 a year will receive \$300 for fifteen years, \$360 for twenty years, \$480 for twenty-five years, and \$600 for thirty years.

## Provides for Retirement.

Employees paid \$1,600 will receive \$400 for fifteen years, \$480 for twenty years, \$640 for twenty-five years, and \$800 for thirty years.

Employees receiving \$1,800 or more will be paid \$420 for fifteen years, \$480 for twenty years, \$640 for twenty-five years, and \$800 for thirty years.

The bill provides for retirement of

superannuated and disabled employees in all branches of the classified civil service except fourth class postmasters. It is designed to provide ultimately for compulsory retirement at the age of seventy years, and optional retirement at sixty-five. It has a provision for retirement for disability.

## WINTER PLEA SENT OUT BY CHARITIES

First Appeal for Assistance Made in Yesterday's Issue of The Times.

The first winter appeal of the Associated Charities and Citizens' Relief Association for funds, published yesterday in The Times, discloses a need as urgent this winter as in the past, and earnest consideration of the appeal is sought by the joint financial committee of the two organizations.

The committee desires to explain that the Associated Charities and Citizens' Relief Association is family rehabilitation.

Institutional care is provided by the Board of Charities, while the chief aim of the Associated Charities and Citizens' Relief Association is family rehabilitation.

In this work the part of the Citizens' Relief Association is to supply the emergent needs of the poor for food, fuel, sick diet, and the like. The funds of the Citizens' Relief Association are disbursed without cost to that organization by the District workers, whose work covers the entire city and is non-sectarian in character.

In addition to the relief funds of the Citizens' Relief Association, the Associated Charities raises special funds for continuing aid as illustrated by its fourteen Christmas opportunities.

These organizations jointly disbursed over \$15,000 in financial assistance last year.

## Members of Committee.

The committee is composed of Milton E. Allen, Charles J. Bell, Frank S. Bright, C. C. Calhoun, D. J. Callahan, W. McK. Clayton, John Dolph, Edward H. Droop, John J. Duff, John Joy Edson, Wm. J. Plathier, W. T. Gallier, Isaac Gans, Charles C. Glover, Jr., E. C. Graham, Wm. F. Gude, Bishop Alfred Harding, William D. Hoover, Walter Stilson Hutchins, Dr. Loren B. T. Johnson, William C. Johnson, Rudolph Kaufmann, D. J. Kaufman, Clarence P. King, Dr. George M. Kober, J. B. Lerner, A. Lerner, Mrs. E. E. F. Macfarland, George X. McLanahan, Arthur D. Marks, Mrs. Ellen S. Mussey, Clarence F. Norment, Newbold Noyes, Theodore W. Noyes, Howard S. Reeside, Mrs. Chas. W. Richardson, E. C. Rogers, Cuno H. Rudolph, Thos. W. P. Spurgeon, E. J. Stollwagen, Corcoran Thom, Dr. John Van Schaick, Jr., F. A. Walker, S. W. Woodward.

## NO SKATING ON BASIN

Bathhouse Keepers Refuse to Allow Anyone on Ice.

No, you can't skate on tidal basin today.

Maybe, if the weather gets colder, that privilege will be allowed tonight, but the keepers of the bath house say it would not be safe to allow skating on the basin until the ice gets firmer and has a uniform thickness of four inches.

At Rock Creek Park there is skating on the creek and about 400 persons a day are enjoying the sport. The ice is seven inches thick and in splendid condition.

## MRS. D'ANTIN HERE TO DEMAND PROBE

Suspects Foul Play in Sudden Death of Her Husband While in Mexico.

Suspecting foul play in the sudden death of her husband while on a visit to Mexico, Mrs. Luis D'Antin has come to Washington to demand an official investigation.

D'Antin, an attaché of the Mexican embassy here, was summoned to Mexico City by Carranza last week, accompanying Ambassador Designate Arredondo.

An official report to the State Department from Vice Counsel Williams at San Luis Potosi said D'Antin was taken suddenly ill after a banquet there, died within an hour, and was buried immediately.

## Came Here At Once.

Mrs. D'Antin came to Washington from New York immediately after being apprised of the receipt of this official report, to take the matter up with Secretary of State Lansing.

Suspecting that her husband may have been poisoned, Mrs. D'Antin will ask that the State Department take steps to have the body exhumed so that a chemical analysis may be made of the stomach.

Secretary of State Lansing last night gave out the following statement based on a consular report from San Luis Potosi:

"The American vice consul at San Luis Potosi telegraphed that, according to physician's certificate, Luis D'Antin died of cerebral congestion. The vice consul adds that Mr. D'Antin was not well the day he arrived at San Luis Potosi; that he attended a banquet; that later in the evening he became ill, dying within an hour, and that the remains were buried immediately."

## Response To Inquiry.

The report from the vice consul at San Luis Potosi was in response to an investigation instituted by the State Department at the request of Mrs. D'Antin, who telegraphed from New York making the request.

Later D'Antin came to Washington as an attaché of the Mexican embassy here, although he retained his American citizenship. He was the man closest to Ambassador-designate Arredondo, served as his interpreter during diplomatic negotiations with State Department officials, and was credited with knowing more of inside Mexican intrigues than any other American.

## On Way To Capital.

When he met his sudden death D'Antin was en route to Mexico City with Ambassador-designate Arredondo.

The fact that his death occurred after a banquet, and that such suspicious haste was taken in burying the remains was accepted by D'Antin's friends as sufficient evidence to influence the State Department in continuing the investigation.

## U. S. STOPS BUYING SILVER.

The United States Treasury Department has announced that owing to the high cost of silver, purchase of silver bullion has been suspended.

New coins are being struck off from the metal obtained from melting down old coins which have come in from circulation.

## PHILIPPINE HEADS NAMED.

Official notification has reached the War Department of the election of Jaime C. de Yebra and Teodoro R. Yangk as resident commissioners from the Philippine Islands to succeed Manuel L. Quezon and Manuel E. Aguinaldo, whose terms will expire March 4. The election was made by the Philippine congress.

## MISSION CONVERTS TO TALK

Special Meetings Arranged for Tomorrow at Central Union.

Two anniversaries will be celebrated tomorrow at the Central Union Mission. The Baltimore Trio will sing at both the afternoon and evening services. William C. Bittling, who was converted at the Georgetown branch of the Central Union Mission, fifteen years ago, will speak at the 3 p. m. service, and William Jeffries will tell of his conversion at the main hall just one year ago at the 7:30 p. m. meeting.

The Bible class meetings conducted by the Armory Prayer Circle in the board room of the mission every Wednesday night at 7 p. m. are well attended, and the lessons interesting. Dr. Maurice E. Miller is the Bible teacher.

## GAS PILLS CUT AUTO COST

Wilmington Man Their Inventor; Dreams of Riches.

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 13.—According to F. B. Bennett, a chemist in this city, the gasoline monopoly in this country is over and a concern in New York, which has purchased a secret process of Bennett for producing gas, will control matters.

Bennett told friends that he had sold the invention to a New York syndicate for \$1,000,000 and showed the check, his friend said, for \$100,000 on account.

Bennett's invention is a solidified gas, which is made into pellets of black color and the size of peas. These are dissolved and furnish the gas. A cigar box of the pellets, according to the story which Bennett told his friends, would cost \$20, giving a fair profit for making, and would take an automobile across the continent. Seventy-five per cent of the cost of gasoline would be saved by the use of these pellets, the writer asserts.

## WON'T DANCE WITH TARS

Baton Rouge Girls Slight Sailors; Mayor Apologizes.

BATON ROUGE, La., Jan. 13.—Because young women of Baton Rouge at a dance given the sailors of the flotilla of United States destroyers in port failed or refused to dance with the sailors, Lieutenant Simpson, commanding the fleet, called upon Mayor Groughey, at the city hall, and showed him a telegram which he was sending to Secretary Daniels of the Navy at Washington.

The telegram requested that, because of the insult to the sailors the destroyers be ordered away from Baton Rouge immediately.

The dance was given by the Young Men's Branch of the Chamber of Commerce. Refreshments were served the sailors and when the young women refused to dance with the enlisted men they left.

The mayor called into conference City Commissioners Eiland and Garig and after diplomatic negotiations lasting over an hour Lieutenant Simpson agreed not to send the telegram, the mayor agreeing to offer a public apology to the sailors and to arrange an entertainment that represented the real sentiment of the community toward the enlisted men.

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## PROPOSED MAIL TUBE SERVICE

An amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill providing for transmission of mails by pneumatic tubes in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and St. Louis was offered in the House today by Congressman Tague of Massachusetts. A vote is expected this afternoon.

## 6,000 SEEK ROOMS FOR INAUGURATION

Advance Reservations Presage Biggest Crowd Capital Ever Housed.

With the applications of more than 6,000 persons desiring accommodations, already on file, and each mail bringing in hundreds of additional ones, indications today are that the biggest crowd ever witnessing an inauguration will be in Washington for March 5.

A. Lettwich Sinclair and his public comfort committee today made another appeal to Washingtonians to send in at once a list of all rooms, boarding houses, hotels, and halls, where individuals and military and civic organizations may be quartered. Mr. Sinclair wants this list right now, he said, as the applicants who daily are writing desire to perfect all arrangements before coming here.

## Experts Capacity Crowds.

With anything like normal weather, Washington should be filled with visitors two or three days before the inauguration. When March 5 comes, Mr. Sinclair believes, a capacity crowd will be within the gates of the city.

There will be at least twenty governors in the parade, accompanied by their military staffs, all in the blue and gold uniforms.

The inaugural committee of the Women's Wilson Union is shaping its plans for taking an important part in the March 5 ceremonies.

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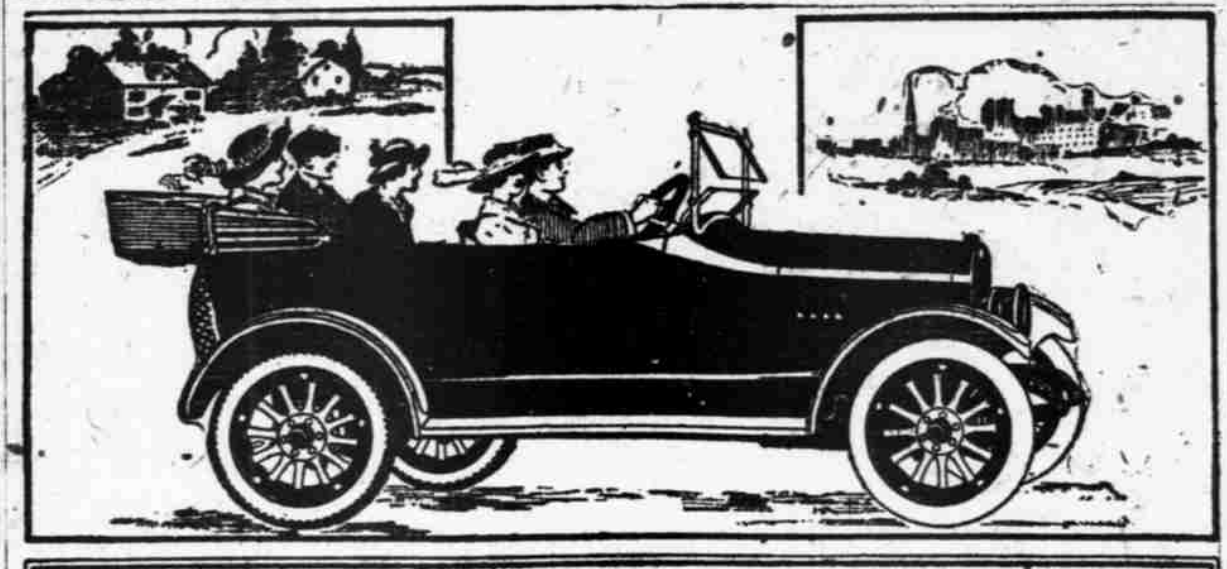
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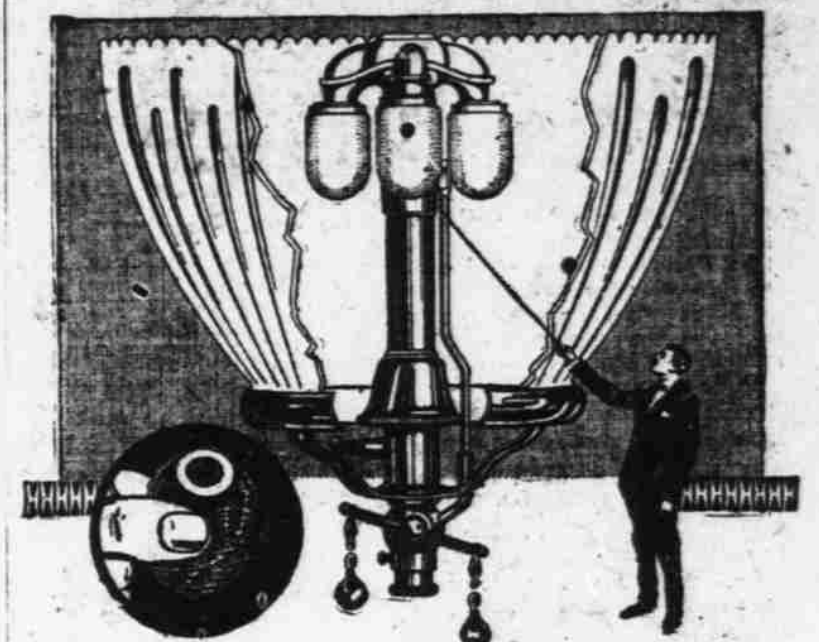
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